

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as shown below, in which deleted terms are shown with strikethrough and added terms are shown with underscoring.

Please replace paragraph [074] with the following amended paragraph:

[074] According to ~~claim 1~~ the first aspect of the invention, the chain includes the protective tube at the location thereof at which the chain is to contact with the fuel filler when the fill cap is removed. Consequently, damage to the fuel filler or the deck can be prevented and the chain itself can be prevented from causing damage thereto. As a result, fuel can be supplied without paying unnecessarily high attention to the fuel filler or the deck, and improvement in workability of the fueling operation can be anticipated.

Please replace paragraph [075] with the following amended paragraph:

[075] According to ~~claim 2~~ the second aspect of the invention, since the stopper for stopping movement of the protective tube is provided on the chain, the protective tube is retained at a necessary location of the chain. As a result, the protective tube can be partially attached to a location of the chain for which protection is required, and achievement of effective utilization of the protective tube can be anticipated.

Please replace paragraph [076] with the following amended paragraph:

[076] According to ~~claim 3~~ the third aspect of the invention, since the stopper is a bead integrally provided on the chain, movement of the protective tube on the chain can be stopped, for example, only by threading the protective tube onto the chain and attaching the

fill cap to the chain. As a result, improvement in assembling property of the protective tube can be anticipated.

Please replace paragraph [077] with the following amended paragraph:

[077] According to ~~claim 4~~ the fourth aspect of the invention, since the stopper is formed as a slit washer that can be attached to the chain later, it is possible, for example, to thread a plurality of protective tubes onto the chain and attach the protective tubes at an arbitrary position of the chain with a slit washer later. As a result, expansion of the utility of the protective tube can be anticipated.